

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A feminine hygiene article for absorption of bodily fluids, comprising:
2 an elongated absorbent article having a front end, a back end, a length between
3 said front and back ends sufficient to extend from a point between the user's buttocks to a
4 point beyond the user's urogenital area, a height less than about 2 inches, and a width
5 sufficiently small to fit between the user's buttocks and legs without causing significant
6 discomfort;
7 wherein said article is formed such that said back end can be inserted between and
8 retained in position by a user's buttocks while said front end extends forward beyond the
9 user's urogenital area, and does not include an intravaginal portion.
- 1 2. The feminine hygiene article of claim 1, comprising a soft material that is
2 substantially non-irritating to human skin and membranes in the genital area.
- 1 3. The article of claim 2, wherein said material is selected from bonded fabrics,
2 woven fabrics, cellulose, paper, and combinations thereof.
- 1 4. The article of claim 2 wherein said article comprises a plurality of layers of
 said material.
- 1 5. The article of claim 1, wherein said article comprises at least one folded layer.
- 1 6. The article of claim 1, wherein said article comprises at least one layer and is
2 rolled into an elongated coil.
- 1 7. The article of claim 6, wherein said coil is twisted or creased at a position
2 between said front and back ends.

1 8. The article of claim 1, wherein said article has a length between about 6 inches
2 and about 10 inches.

1 9. The article of claim 1, wherein said article has a width less than about 1.5
2 inches.

1 10. The article of claim 1, wherein said article has a height between about 0.5
2 inches and about 1.5 inches.

1 11. The article of claim 1, wherein said article is flexible and can conform to the
2 shape of the body area where it is used.

1 12. The article of claim 1, comprising a material that can be flushed into a sewer
2 system.

1 13. The article of claim 1, comprising a material that is biodegradable.

1 14. A feminine hygiene kit, comprising:
2 an elongated absorbent article having a front end, a back end, a length between
3 said front and back ends sufficient to extend from a point between the user's buttocks to a
4 point beyond the user's urogenital area, a height less than about 2 inches, and a width
5 sufficiently small to fit between the user's buttocks and legs without causing significant
6 discomfort, wherein said article is formed such that said back end can be inserted between
7 and retained in position by a user's buttocks while said front end extends forward beyond the
8 user's urogenital area, and does not include an intravaginal portion; and
9 an absorbent pad held in placed between the user's panties and her urogenital
10 area.

1 15. The kit of claim 12, wherein said absorbent article is selected from panty

- 2 liners, mini-pads, maxi-pads, and sanitary napkins.